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9.	MCD, Delhi		MCD, Delhi, has opened a separate a counter for senior citizens for submission of property tax.			
10.	Miscellaneous		1 .Telephone connnection is given on priority to senior citizens of age 65 years and above by the Ministry of Communications. 2. On the request of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India has advised Chief Justices of all High Courts in the country to accord priority to cases involving older persons and ensure their expeditious disposals.			

Conditions of children homes

1368.SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWEMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the absence of a centralized system among the social welfare departments of the States and Union Territories to trace families of children residing in children homes in Delhi and other States, these children homes are bursting at seams and also lack basic facilities, thus defeating the very purpose of having congenial atmosphere for development of such unfortunate children; and

(b) if so, whether Government are thinking of issuing any guidelines to be followed by the States so that overall conditions of childrens homes could be gradually improved over a period of time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI): (a) and (b) The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have responsibility of providing for management of children homes and repatriating the children back to their families in coordination with other States Government/Union Territory Administrations concerned.The repatriation is sought to be carried out by State Government through their various Departments with the cooperation of voluntary organizations working in the area. Government of India

provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administations under its Scheme, 'A Programme for juvenile Justice' for establishment and maintenance of children homes. The Model Rules under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, lay down a minimum level of standard to be maintained in these children homes. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has been stressing upon the States/UTs, the need to bring about improvement in the conditions of various homes set up under the Act.

Rehabilitation of tribals

†1369. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to frame any policy for rehabilitation of crores of tribals in the country;

(b) if so, by when;

(c) whether Government are aware that problems like unemployment, strvation and drinking water have acquired an alarming proportion in the tribal areas; and

(d) if so, whether Government would keep in mind mitigation of these problems while formulating a rehabilitation scheme for them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Rural Development has been formulating a National Policy for Rehabilitation and Resettlement of project affected persons including the displaced tribals. The problems of unemployment, starvation and of drinking water are being handled by the concerned States in consultation with the respective Ministries/Department in Union Government dealing with the sectoral programmes. However, this Ministry provides assistance to the States under SCA to TSP, Article 275(1) and has a scheme of Village Grain Banks to address these issues also.

Grant-in-aid for tribal welfare in Maharashtra

1370. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the grant-in-aid allocated for the welfare of tribals in tribal and

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